

WELCOME TO FALKLAND ESTATE



Falkland Estate was once a home and hunting park for Stuart Kings and Queens where they took a break from affairs of state to hawk and hunt stag and wild boar. Mary, Queen of Scots loved this retreat where she could play at being ‘a country girl in the park and woods’.

In the nineteenth century owners fashioned the estate into a working landscape of upland pasture, farm and forest, combined with pleasure walks. A network of paths, bridges and cascades on the lower slopes of the Lomond Hills provided a ‘picturesque’ experience while the more adventurous could make a safe but exhilarating journey up the deep, rugged gorge of Maspie Den.

A programme of conservation and restoration on the estate means you can follow in the footsteps of these people and share what they enjoyed.

MINDING THE FUTURE

Although Falkland has been recognised as an outstanding work of art for its many fine examples of nineteenth century landscape design, the Estate of today is far more than its history.

The Estate has adopted a policy of “enterprising stewardship” with the purpose of managing the Estate’s resources economically and sustainably. A charity, Falkland Heritage Trust, has been set up to secure the future of the House and landscape and to establish a Falkland Centre for Stewardship. The Home Farm is farmed organically, whilst the Pillars of Hercules Farm shop and café and Hollytree Woodcraft at Chancefield are two fine examples of enterprising tenants.

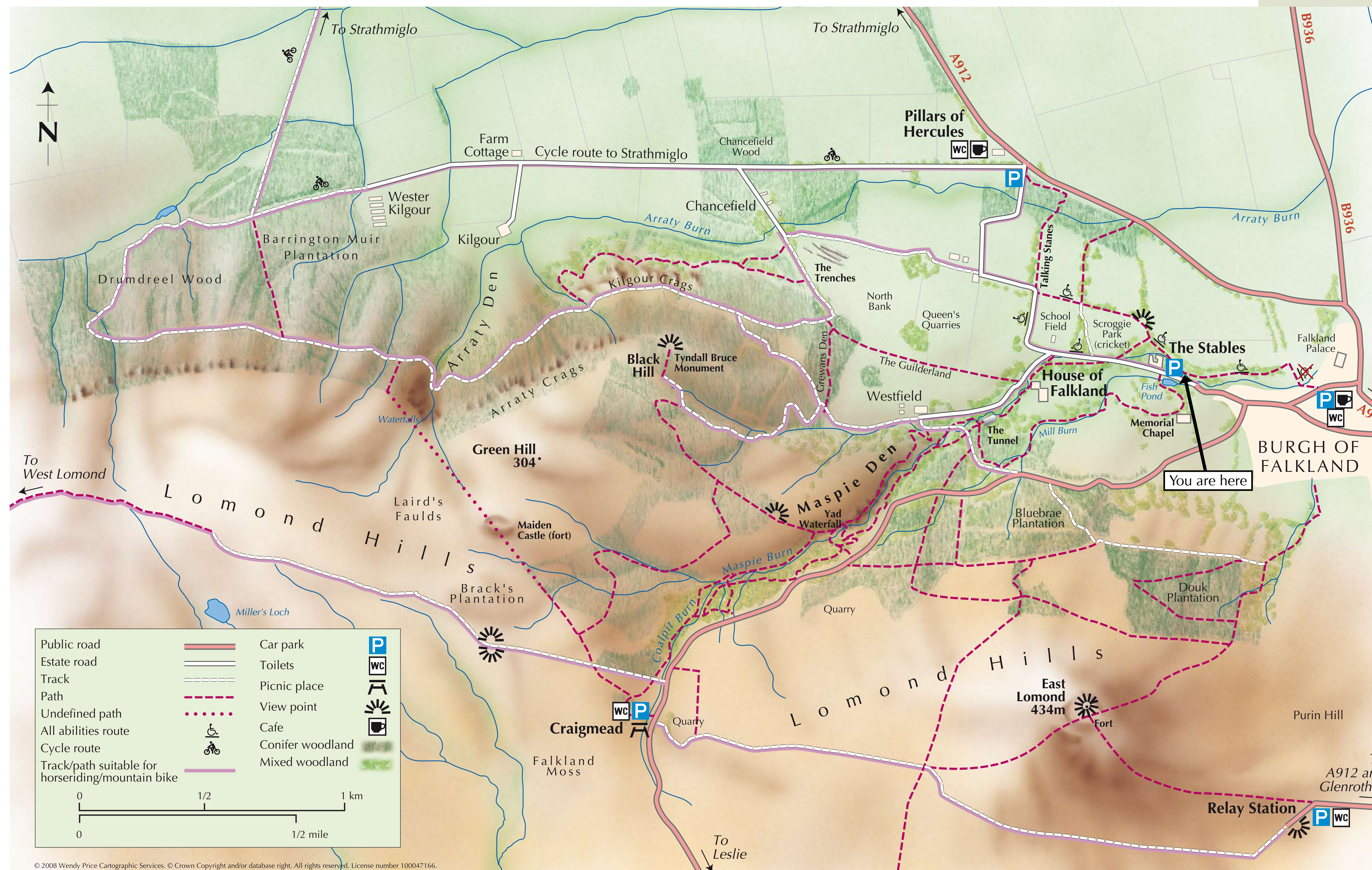
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From Frederick II's Art of Falconry (13th century)

THE HOUSE OF FALKLAND

The wealthy Bruce family also built a country mansion, the House of Falkland (1839-44) with sweeping views across semi-formal parkland to the Howe of Fife. In the 1890s a new owner, the Third Marquess of Bute, added some outstanding Arts and Crafts interiors. Occasional visits and events in the House are arranged by Falkland Centre for Stewardship, 01337 858544.



GETTING ABOUT

By foot

All paths, roads and tracks on the Estate are usually open and clear but temporary restrictions may be necessary for forestry or farming operations.

By horse or mountain bike

Please use recommended routes for other users safety and to keep our maintenance costs down.

By wheelchair

The (wheelchair symbol) routes shown on the map are level and barrier free and may be suitable for manual wheelchair users. Other routes may be accessible by mobility scooter and electric wheelchair users.*

Private roads on the estate are for authorised users only.

* See p.104 ‘Walking on Wheels’ by Eva McCracken.

SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

Know the Code before you go...enjoy Scotland’s outdoors - responsibly!

- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment

Please keep dogs under control and note that dogs are not permitted on the cricket ground or games pitch of Falkland House School.

MORE INFORMATION AND GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FALKLAND CENTRE FOR STEWARDSHIP OFFICE AT THE STABLES